

WEST VIRGINIA BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT COUNCIL

Friday, March 18, 2011 @ 11:00 a.m.

The meeting of the West Virginia Broadband Deployment Council was held in Building 6, Room 6A on Friday, March 18, 2011, at 11:00 a.m.

The following members participated:

Keith Burdette
Michael Kelemen
Kyle Schafer
Erica Mani
Ken Arndt
Dr. Jan Fox
Elaine Harris
Lee Fisher (via phone)
Tony Sereda (via phone)

Additional participants:

Missy Parsons
Michael Hohn
Kevin Lazor
Mark Holmes
Tom Susman
Mark Polen
Brenda Williams
Vicki Allen
Billy Jack Gregg
Scott Cosco
Phil Weikle
James Paterson
Paul Miller
Eric Eyre
Jim Pitrolo
Jim Martin

After a quorum was established, Chair Burdette welcomed the Council and called the meeting to order at 11:05am.

Business

Chair Burdette asked for the approval of the minutes from the December meeting of the Broadband Deployment Council. The Council approved the minutes with no objection.

Other Business

Michael Hohn provided the Council with an update on the broadband mapping project. They have received all data from providers that they expected to receive, are currently doing quality control. They will submit their information to the NTIA on March 31. This map will be the most comprehensive data set so far. The web application is on schedule, they are testing the application and making improvements. The map should be ready to go live sometime at the end of April. The map will be searchable by address which will bring the user to a point on the map that will show what providers are in the search area as well as linking the user to the homepage of those providers to see what services are available.

Chair Burdette stated that he had asked Colonel Tedorovich to provide a report on the activities in the \$5 million account set aside for grants. Colonel Tedorovich accidentally sent the wrong report to the Chair so the correct information should be available at the next meeting.

Chair Burdette informed the Council that he would be forming a grant application committee. The charge of this committee will be to develop a grant application process by which providers or other interested parties could apply for funding for last mile projects. Judge O'Hanlon will chair this committee and it will be comprised of: Jimmy Gianato, Dr. Fox, Lee Fisher and Kyle Schafer.

Public Comment

Jim Martin directed a question to Mr. Hohn regarding the map and its capabilities. Mr. Martin specifically wanted to know if the map would be searchable by speed. Mr. Hohn answered that the map would include a layer that would allow the user to see what speeds are available in a given area.

Paul Miller asked if the required reports had all been received. Chair Burdette stated that we had all the reports except for the Health Care Authority. Jim Pitrolo, Chair of the Health Care Authority stated that they were in the process of updating their previous report, but that a survey would not be completed until the summer and that information would be available in October.

Reverend Patterson commented on the vacancy in the Council's membership and the non- participation from the Legislative members on the Council.

Lee Fisher asked that a representative from the mapping portion be available to the grant application committee. Chair Burdette stated that the goal of the committee was to develop the application process. The applications would then be reviewed by the Council at which time someone from mapping would be available.

Adjournment

The next meeting will be noticed for May 5, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. The meeting location, call-in number and agenda will be provided prior to the meeting.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m.